Wastage of foodgrains

1973. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains stolen and wasted in the godowns of FCI during the past three years;

(b) the amount involved in such incidents; and

(c) what steps Government has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Foodgrains are lost in storage due to driage of moisture, multiple handling and prolonged storage. The total storage loss occurred in foodgrains (Wheat, Rice and Paddy in terms of rice) during the last three years is given below:

Figures Provisional
Quantity in Lakh MT
Value in Rupees Crores

Year		Quantity of loss in storage		
		Wheat	Rice	Paddy
1997-98	Qty(-)	0.02	1.48	0.35
	Value(-)	1.49	111.78	26.35
1998-99	Qty(-)	0.09	1.31	0.29
	Value(-)	6.00	112.00	24.00
1999-2000	Qty(+)	0.02	1.15	0.43
	Value(+)	2.00	108.00	40.00

Qty(-)—Denotes gain

The quantity of foodgrains stolen from the godowns of FCI during the last three years is as under:—

Commodity		Years		
		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Wheat	Bags	480	609	348
	Kattas	—	569	1138
Rice	Bags	1279	206	286
	Kattas	—	—	167
Paddy	Bags	—	—	404

(b) The amount involved on account of theft for the last three years in given below:—

Figures in Rupees

Commodity	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Total
Wheat	—	647525	523137	
Rice	1472960	126787	347377	
Paddy	—	—	173379	
Total Wheat & Rice	1472960	774312	1043893	3291165

(c) Measures taken to prevent thefts in FCI godowns are mentioned below:

(i) Physical measures like installation of barbed wires fencing of the boundary walls, provision of streetlights for illumination of godowns and proper locking of the sheds arc taken to secure the godowns.

(ii) Security staff of FCI as well as other Agencies like Homcguards, Special Police Officers and Private Security Guards arc deployed wherever necessary for the safety of the godowns.

(iii) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force and State Armed Police at vulnerable godowns.

(iv) Security inspection of depots is done at various levels to detect and plug security lapses.

(v) FIRs are lodged with the Police for investigation of theft cases. Apart from this, departmental action, including recovery of loss, is taken by the FCI against the negligent staff.

Rice procured by FCI in M.P. and Chhattisgarh

† 1974. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of different varieties of paddy alongwith the price at which the same has been purchased by the Food Corporation of India/State Government in Madhya Pradcsh/Chhattisgarh during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) the details thereof, district-wise and year-wise (October to June) alongwith the price paid therefor;

(c) the quantity of different varieties of rice alongwith the price at which the same has been purchased by the Food Corporation of India/State Government and the agencies of State Governments in Madhya Pradcsh/Chhattisgarh during the above period; and

(d) the details thereof, district-wise and year-wise alongwith price paid therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) In Madhya Pradesh/ Chhattisgarh, paddy is procured by the agencies of the State

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